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SUBJ: STUDENT SCENE

1. STUDENT/AFCC MEETING REPORTEDLY TOOK PLACE 16-17 SEPT. LATTER AT ARAT KILO HSIU SCIENCE FACULTY BLDG LASTED TWO HOURS WITH OPEN AND FRANK DISCUSSION. AFCC SAID HAVE SOLICITED STUDENT SUPPORT FOR EPMG AND RURAL DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM; GIVEN ASSURANCES OF FUTURE RETURN TO CIVILIAN GOVT. BUT MADE CLEAR EPMG PROGRAMS WOULD BE CARRIED OUT, BY FORCE IF NECESSARY. STUDENTS REPORTEDLY WANTED IMMEDIATE RETURN TO CIVILIAN RULE, LAND REFORM, BETTER ORGANIZATION OF RURAL WORK CAMPAIGN AND SAID HAVE EXPRESSED FEAR THAT MILITARY IN REALITY MERELY WANTED TO DISPERSE STUDENTS TO MAKE WAY FOR CHILEAN-STYLE MILITARY DICTATORSHIP. WE HEAR THAT

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AFCC OFFERED ADVISER ROLE ON EMAC FOR STUDENTS/CIVILIANS BUT

STUDENTS DEMANDED FULL PARTICIPATION UNTIL CIVILIAN GOVT. FORMED.

2. THREE STUDENTS TOLD EMBOFF THEY HAD READ PAMPHLETS PLEDGING SUPPORT FOR STUDENTS IN THEIR DEMAND FOR IMMEDIATE CIVILIAN RULE FROM CELU, IEAF, IMPERIAL BODYGUARD, ETHIOPIAN TEACHERS UNION, AND HSIU TEACHERS ASSOCIATION. EMBASSY FSL OBTAINED SUMMARY OF LETTER.

3. GATHERING ESTIMATED AT 2500-3000 UNIVERSITY/HS STUDENTS COMMENCED AT 1515 HRS LOCAL HSIU CAMPUS TO DISCUSS REPLY TO AFCC. MEETING SO FAR PEACEFUL WITH 75-100 STEEL-HELMETED POLICE ON HAND ARMED WITH M-1 CARBINES. INITIAL SPEECHES ANTI-IMPERIALIST, ANTI-FEUDAL, ANTI-MILITARY IN TONE CALLING FOR POINTS LISTED PARA 1, PLUS FREE SPEECH, POLITICAL PARTIES AND RIGHT PEACEFUL DEMONSTRATION.

4. STUDENTS TOLD EMBOFF THAT WITHOUT LAND REFORM STUDENTS WOULD NOT RPT NOT WORK IN COUNTRYSIDE BECAUSE HAILE SELASSIE STILL WIDELY SUPPORTED AND LAND REFORM NEEDED TO GIVE EPMG ENOUGH STRENGTH TO BREAK CONTROL OF BALABATS (LANDOWNERS) WHO WOULD OPPOSE STUDENTS. WYMAN

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